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Washington, DC 20201

**JUL 28, 2008**

Mr. Kevin W. Concannon  
Director  
Department of Human Services  
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Dear Mr. Concannon:

We are pleased to inform you that your State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP) State plan amendment submitted June 30, 2008 has been approved. This amendment revises the SCHIP State plan and allows Iowa to grant hardship exemptions for premium payments to SCHIP enrollees who meet income requirements and who reside in a county that has been declared a national disaster by FEMA or the Governor or is designated as a county requiring Individual Assistance. SCHIP enrollees will remain enrolled even if they do not pay premiums for the months of June and July 2008.

This amendment has a retroactive effective date of June 1, 2008.

Your title XXI project officer is Mr. Jeffrey Silverman. He is available to answer questions concerning this amendment and other SCHIP-related issues. Mr. Silverman's contact information is as follows:

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Official communications regarding program matters should be sent simultaneously to Mr. Silverman and to Mr. James Scott, Associate Regional Administrator in our Kansas City Regional Office. Mr. Scott's address is:

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If you have additional questions, please contact Ms. Kathleen Farrell, Acting Director, Family and Children's Health Programs Group, Center for Medicaid and State Operations, at (410) 786-5647.

We look forward to continuing to work with you and your staff.

Sincerely,

Kerry Weems  
Acting Administrator

cc: CMS Region VII, Kansas City